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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Patrick A. GANE, et al.

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REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and cited in the International Search Report (attached). Copies of the listed references were cited in Application Serial No. 09/857,217, filed October 15, 2001, which was originally filed as International Application Serial No. PCT/IB99/02049, filed December 24, 1999.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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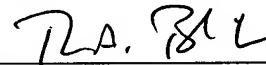
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